TRUST THE DESIGNER

1 Timothy 2:8–15 | October 18, 2026

INTRODUCTION - Our culture increasingly assumes that equality requires sameness. Scripture presents equal dignity without interchangeability and calls God's people to trust the wisdom of the One who designed us.

BIG IDEA - God is honored when His people pursue godliness and embrace His design for His church.

1. THE P_____ GOD DESIRES— vv. 8–10

Before Paul addresses our roles, he addresses our **c_____**.

- Men are called to pray with **holy hands**, without wrath and dissension.
- Women are called to adorn themselves with **godliness and good works**.
- Our lives should agree with the God we claim to worship.

2. THE P_____ GOD ESTABLISHES — vv. 11–12

Equal dignity does not require identical **r_____**.

- Women are commanded to **learn** God's Word.
- God assigns authoritative teaching and oversight of the church to qualified men.
- Biblical leadership is not privilege. It is **responsibility, sacrifice, and service**.

3. THE P_____ GOD REVEALS— vv. 13–15

God's pattern is rooted in **c_____**, not culture.

- Paul takes us back to Adam and Eve and God's original design.
- The fall demonstrates the devastation that follows when God's order is rejected.
- Faithful men and women embrace God's calling through **faith, love, holiness, and self-restraint**.

KEY SCRIPTURES
Genesis 1:27 • Genesis 2:18 • Romans 5:18–19 • Galatians 3:28 • Ephesians 5:25 • 1 Timothy 2:8–15

TAKE IT HOME

1. Does my character reflect the God I claim to worship?
2. Where am I resisting God's design because it conflicts with my preferences or culture?
3. Am I faithfully fulfilling the responsibility God has given me rather than focusing on the role He has given someone else?

"Will I reshape Scripture around myself, or will I allow Scripture to reshape me?"

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